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SUBJECT: "INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE"

1. APPARENTLY MISSIONS AND CONSULATES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AN ORGANIZATION STYLING ITSELF THE "INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE." THEY ALSO HAVE SOUGHT INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. "IPS" HAS "EUROPEAN" OR "GERMAN" BUREAU IN WIESBADEN. "IPS CORRESPONDENTS" HAVE SOUGHT UNUSUAL INFORMATION FROM THIS MISSION AND FRG OFFICIALS, WHO CHARACTERIZED SUCH ATTEMPTS AS PROVOCATIVE AND PURSUING AN ANTI-AMERICAN, CONFIDENTIAL

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ANTI-NATO LINE.

3. IN OCTOBER 1975, "IPS" WAS THROWN OUT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN PRESS IN THE FRG, THE ONLY TIME IT STRUCK ANYONE FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP. THE REASON WAS THAT "IPS" WAS DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AND NOT GATHERING NEWS. AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS REFUSED TO SURRENDER THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARDS. THE ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING LEGAL ACTION TO FORCE THEM TO DO SO. "IPS" CONTENTED THE ASSOCIATION ACTION RESULTED FROM "FASCIST PRESSURE EXERTED BY THE CIA, (WILLY) BRANDT AND STRAUSS."

4. THIS MISSION HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT SINCE "IPS" IS NOT A BONA FIDE JOURNALISTIC ORGANIZATION, IT WILL NOT GIVE ITS REPRESENTATIVES INFORMATION.

5. WHETHER OR NOT "IPS" DELIBERATELY TOOK THE NAME OF THE PRINT INFORMATION ACTIVITY OF THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY IN WASHINGTON IS NOT CLEAR. IN ANY CASE, SOME CONFUSION HAS RESULTED.

6. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, "IPS" WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969 IN NEW YORK BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF LABOR CAUCUSES (NCLC) AND THE U.S. LABOR PARTY (USLC). IT PUBLISHES "NEW SOLIDARITY" AND "CAMPAIGNER", DESCRIBED AS BEING OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE AND DISTINCTLY LEFTIST. BY THEIR OWN DEFINITION NCLC AND USLC ARE "REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISTS" AND "TROTSKY SOCIALISTS"; THEIR AIM IS THE OVERTHROW OF THE USG BY THE YEAR 2,000. IN 1974 NCLC AND USLC INCORPORATED IN NEW YORK UNDER THE NAME "NEW SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN". PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ARE LISTED AS NANCY B. SPANNUS, SUSAN COHEN AND DANNY GOLDBERG. AN "EUROPEAN CHAIRMAN" IN ROME IS IDENTIFIED AS ROBERTO SAVIO.

7. ASSOCIATED WITH "IPS" ET AL IS "THE EUROPEAN WORKERS PARTY" (EWP), WHICH IN THE FRG HAS SOME PUBLICATIONS AND PUTS OUT "INFORMATION SHEETS." IT AND THE "IPS" WERE INVOLVED IN PROMOTING THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF ONE LYNDON LAROCHE OF THE AMERICAN LABOR COMMITTEE, WITH PRESS CONFERENCES AND PROMOTION MATERIAL.

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8. WHILE THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FRG HAVE NOT BEEN MUCH MORE THAN AN IRRITANT FROM THE RADICAL LEFT, THEY HAVE ACCELERATED NOTABLY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. IN THE VERY RECENT PAST, ATTEMPTS WERE MADE BY "EUROPEAN WORKERS PARTY" ADHERENTS TO DISTURB PUBLIC MEETINGS AT ONE OF OUR BINATIONAL CENTERS. LOCAL SOURCES ADVISED THE BNC DIRECTOR THAT EWP MEMBERSHIP IN

THAT AREA WAS GROWING AND WERE BELIEVED READY TO MAKE
USE OF VIOLENCE. THE "EWP", ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE,
CLAIMS TO HAVE EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER WEST
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.
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